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Founder of Bank of America Visits Torrance Briefly Tuesday

With economic conditions definitely on the uptrend, attention is being focused more and more on creating security for the worker, professional man and investor, according to A. P. Giannini, chairman of the board of directors of the Bank of America, who spent an hour in Torrance last Tuesday, going over business affairs with his branch manager, James W. Leach, of the local bank. Mr. Giannini had been expected Friday but was unable to keep his appointment at that time.

Local District Credited With Six Ineligibles

Torrance welfare district was credited with six of the 1648 cases found to be still open in the county charities department, out of 5151 individual charity cases asserted by the S.E.R.A. to be ineligible for county aid. The report was made to Rex Thomson, superintendent of the department.

The largest number of asserted ineligible cases were listed for the Hollywood district, where 238 cases were alleged to be receiving county aid when not entitled to do so. Elysian district was next with 237, and Vernon district third with 200. Glendale had 141 and the East-Compton district 135.

Late last week the S.E.R.A. turned over another list of 2904 names to the county charities department, and these have been given a preliminary check. Only 868 of the 2904 cases are still listed on the county's records as open, according to the confidential index department.

A more detailed check of this list is being made this week and a complete report will be ready on October 1, Thomson's office stated.

PARENT TEACHERS DISTRICT MEETING
Mrs. L. S. Rounsaville, president of the Los Angeles Tenth District California Congress of Parents and Teachers, announces that the next district meeting will be held Thursday, October 4, 1934, from 9:30 a. m. to 12:30 p. m., at the North Hollywood high school, 5331 Colfax avenue, North Hollywood.

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Smith Will Head Kiwanis Club In The Coming Year

Local Jeweler Elected President At Meeting Held Monday

Dr. Alden W. Smith will head the Kiwanis Club for the coming year, as the result of the election Monday night when he was chosen president. Dr. Smith, prominent jeweler and optician, is one of the most active members of the club and for the past year has served as vice president.

Other officers chosen are Floyd Jones, vice president, and Charles T. Rippey, treasurer. The secretary will be elected later at a meeting of the executive board.

Seven directors elected Monday night include L. J. Acree, Ray Beane, Everett Grubbs, Henry Grubb, J. R. Klink, William Shawger and William Taylor.

Installation of the new group will be held at the first meeting in January.

Future Farmers Of Torrance Win First At Pomona
Substance Farm Home Project Given High Award At County Fair

Torrance citizens and the Torrance high school have a right to be very proud of the accomplishment of the agriculture class of the high school for the recognition they have received at the county fair at Pomona. The Future Farmers of America Club, composed of the following students: William Dennis, Arthur Hedrick, Manuel Howard, Elliott Wolfenbarger, Clarence Bay, William Schipper, Bill Clark, Joe Bay, Wesley Brady, Raymond Steeber, Carl Paxman, Cornelius Peet and John McManis, arranged a "One-Acre Substance Farm Home" as a competitive project, under the direction of the agriculture instructor, Mr. Egbert S. Merrill. Fifteen other clubs from various parts of California entered the competition.

The very attractive project of Torrance high school, showing a five-room bungalow with trees and shrubs of the fruit varieties used in landscaping the grounds, was designed by Cornelius Peet. Other members of the chapter selected and planted the shrubbery and furnished the fruits and vegetables. The plot includes six hives of bees, rabbit hutches with about six does and provides for the housing of a milk cow and one or two goats.

According to the theory of the substance farm, the city worker, under conditions as they exist and will probably continue to exist in the future, will work on an average, not more than 30 hours per week. This will give him leisure time that can profitably be used on a small farm home of a half acre or more to produce food for his family and will supplement his money income by reducing the food budget. It will also provide the family with food during possible periods of unemployment. The small farm home, close to the city or place of regular employment, is a desirable place to raise a family as it provides for the leisure time of the children as well as for the parents. The federal government is financing 140 such homes in Los Angeles county as demonstrations. These homes are in the San Fernando valley and near El Monte, Torrance, as an industrial center, is an excellent location for such type of home.

Two other members of the Torrance high school won recognition at the Pomona fair; they were Wesley Brady, who won third place in cheese judging, and William Schipper, who placed third in butter judging in the dairy products division.

This year's program of the Torrance high school agriculture department is based on teaching boys and girls to scientifically manage a "Substance Farm Home" as advocated by the U. S. government. Students wishing to specialize in some phase of agriculture as a vocation are given an opportunity to do so.

PLANS FOR NEW POST OFFICE READY FOR BIDS NEXT MONTH

Letter Received This Week By Mayor Ludlow From the Treasury Department Says Work Being Rushed

Bids for the construction of the new Torrance post office will be requested by the treasury department some time next month, according to a communication received Tuesday by Mayor Scott R. Ludlow from Louis A. Simon, supervising architect, at Washington.

The letter, dated, September 18, was in response to a resolution adopted some time ago by the Torrance city council asking that construction of the new federal building here be expedited. The letter, signed by P. L. Balch for Louis Simon, supervising architect of the treasury department, read in part:

"Drawings for the project are well under way in the Public Works branch of the Procurement Division and it is believed that proposals for construction will be requested some time next month.

"Your interest in the project is appreciated and every effort possible is being made to expedite the placing of the project on the market for construction bids at the earliest practicable date."

The new federal building will be erected on the west side of Marcella avenue between Sartori and Craven avenues on a site recently purchased by the treasury department.

Father and Son Meet After Separation of Twenty-two Years

Twenty-two years is a long time for father and son to be parted, with no knowledge of each other's whereabouts, but the long stretch of years was forgotten the other day when the two met at a joyful reunion in Fife, Washington.

Twenty-two years ago, in 1912, Kenneth Ferrer, employee of the Columbia Steel Company and resident of Torrance, left Canada with his mother, to come to the United States. The boy's father, J. J. Uleman, remained behind. During the course of time, the mother married again and the boy's name was changed. When he grew to manhood and went out into the world to make his own way, Ferrer moved about the country, working for a time at Indianapolis, Indiana, Charleston, South Carolina, and finally came to Los Angeles and Torrance where for several years he has been in the employ of the local mills.

During this period of shifting about all trace of Uleman, senior, was lost.

About ten years ago, Ferrer began a search for his father, and much correspondence was carried on with various friends and relatives in an effort to locate him.

Less than a year ago, Ferrer obtained from an uncle in Wisconsin the information that Uleman had settled in Washington, near Tacoma, and with this approximate address the father was finally located.

For several months the two corresponded and on September 11, Ferrer, on vacation, left for the north to visit his father, taking with him his young son, Kenneth Allen, and the three held a happy family reunion at Uleman's home near Fife.

Disario Makes Perfect Score At Trade School

Joe Disario, who entered the Frank Wiggins Trade School this semester, made a perfect score on taking his entrance examination for pressroom work, according to a letter from Atwell L. Jobe, head of the printing department, sent to Principal Arthur G. Waidelich of the Torrance high school, where Joe was enrolled last year. Jobe reports that this is the first time in the history of the department that an entering student has made a perfect score in this test, which news was very gratifying to Herbert L. Andrews, Joe's instructor at the local school.

City Fire Chief Ill At Hospital Now Improving

A. D. Stevenson Stricken Suddenly Saturday With Rare Malady

Fire Chief A. D. Stevenson, 1608 Post avenue, who was taken suddenly ill last Saturday afternoon, has been a patient since Sunday at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital where he is now greatly improved and it is expected that he will be able to be removed to his home this week.

Mr. Stevenson's illness was severe during the first few days, attended by high temperature and slight delirium. His condition improved yesterday and it is believed that he will be able to be about soon, although it will be some time before he is fully recovered.

According to Mrs. Stevenson, two consultants confirmed the attending physician's diagnosis of the malady as a somewhat rare ailment, the exact nature of which has not been given out, but which has been characterized as a dermatitis which is not checked at the surface of the skin, but covers the entire surface of the body, attended by a peeling of the skin, in which case recovery is slow.

STANDARD OF PLUMBING TO BE REGULATED

Property Owners As Well As Plumbers Affected By New Ordinance

A new ordinance regulating the installation of plumbing in buildings was adopted for the first reading by the Torrance city council Tuesday evening and is scheduled for final adoption October 9. The text of the new city plumbing ordinance is practically identical with the county plumbing ordinance and is reported to be satisfactory to local plumbers, to eliminate the objections raised by gas appliance dealers, and yet afford ample protection to property owners against inferior materials and workmanship.

Under the terms of the ordinance as agreed upon after several conferences with local plumbers and furniture dealers, no permits are required for connecting gas stoves, heaters and similar household appliances where gas outlets are already installed in the building. However, in all cases where it is necessary to run pipe lines, whether for gas, water, or sewage disposal, property owners are required to take out city permits for the work.

Fees for such permits are set as follows: One outlet, \$1.50; two outlets, \$2.25; three outlets, \$2.75. Total permit fees for an average five-room house, including water, gas and sewer lines, will be \$4.25, it was stated.

Affidavit Required
License fees for plumbers engaged in business will be \$50 per year and they are also required to post a \$1000 bond, as at present. Property owners hiring journeymen plumbers by the hour or day are required to file an affidavit stating that they are the owners of the property, and setting forth the extent of the plumbing work to be done and the hourly wage which is to be paid for such work. This provision is intended to prevent the practice of outside plumbing concerns coming into the city on the pretext of "working by the day" and thus avoid payment of license fees. In all cases where actual installations of pipe lines are made or the basic sanitary system altered, plumbing permits must be obtained. The fees are intended to cover the cost of inspection. However, permits will not be necessary for minor repairs or cleaning out sewer lines. Employment of journeymen plumbers is limited to bona fide property owners and licensed plumbers.

On all new installations or extensions, the plumbing ordinance specifies the quality of materials to be used and the standard of workmanship required. This provision is made as a protection to property owners against faulty construction, and while the first cost may be slightly higher than when cheap materials are used, it is believed that it will be offset by the elimination of repairs in the future and the prevention of unsanitary conditions.

More Burglary Charges Placed Against Couple

Geldreichs In Custody In San Pedro On Three Felony Charges

Mrs. Ardelie Geldreich, arrested recently after Deputy Sheriff Fred Wolfe and Police Sergeant John Stroff had uncovered a quantity of alleged stolen goods in the house occupied by the woman, her husband, Frank Geldreich, and their four children at 2110 240th street, Lomita, plead guilty to a charge of petty theft when arraigned in the municipal court before Judge Charles T. Rippey last Friday.

She was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 or serve 150 days in jail. Her husband, also arraigned on a similar charge, plead not guilty and asked for a jury trial, the date for which has not been set.

Smith Resigns As President Of The Torrance Democratic Club

Beverly B. Smith, prominently identified with the democratic party work in Torrance, has tendered his resignation as president of the Democratic Club here, effective at once.

Mr. Smith took an active part in the campaign two years ago, and has since been steadily at work to further the interests of the Democratic party and candidates in this section until after the state primary held in August this year.

Since that time, according to Mr. Smith, events have shaped themselves to make his position as president of the Democratic Club unsatisfactory.

After due consideration of the situation Mr. Smith determined to withdraw from active participation in the present campaign and tendered his resignation. He says:

"To the officers and members of the original Torrance Democratic Club: I wish to tender my resignation as your president, effective at once. Since the primary election there has been formed a new club which was formerly called the Epic Club which is now operating under a new set of officers under the name Torrance Democratic Club. This is conflicting, as the two clubs never had any connection whatever. I am not now and never have been a member of the Torrance Epic Club; nor have I attended any of its meetings. I do not intend to take any active part in the forthcoming state election."

Meeting Night Of Democratic Club Changed
Regular Sessions Held On Tuesday Evening At Headquarters

Meetings of the Torrance Democratic Club are now held regularly each Tuesday instead of Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the club's headquarters, 1312 Sartori avenue. The meeting night was changed recently. The club has from a record as sponsoring all candidates who won Democratic nominations at the primaries, and is now directing every effort to insure the success of these nominees at the general election.

President E. P. Ryan has announced that plans are being formulated for open political meetings in Walteria and the McDonald tract. The dates will be announced later. All registered Democrats in Torrance and vicinity are welcome at all meetings of the club and their attendance is invited.

Officers of the former Epic Club, who were recently elected as officers of the Torrance Democratic Club, are, in addition to President Ryan, L. C. Conner, vice president; John Davis, secretary; Mary L. Conner, treasurer; Ryan, Conner, Davis, H. C. Lines, Krelow, Cosby and Albert Isen, executive board.

Isen has lately been named as consulting attorney for the entire district, and also acts as publicity agent for the local club.

Two majors, who have charge of the precinct captains here, have been named. They are H. C. Lines and Van Ness Harris.

Voters who have not registered are notified that James Anderson, deputy registrar, will be at the Democratic headquarters from 7 to 12 o'clock tonight to accommodate any who wish to register. The registration books for the November 6 election close at midnight.

Wrestling Bouts At Municipal Ball Park Next Week

Under the auspices of the Torrance Parent Teachers Association, as a benefit for that organization, a wrestling tournament that is "different" will be staged at the municipal ball park next Thursday night. There will be no dull matches. Each contestant who will be invited to perform is a champion, and the bouts will be staged under A. A. U. rules, which will insure plenty of action. All the Pacific coast champs will be present, according to the announcement of the promoters, as well as several former national title-holders.

The full program of matches scheduled will be announced in this paper next Thursday.

Sun Hatched Eggs
KNOB VIEW, Mo., (U.P.)—Mrs. Maggey Glassey reports that the sun, during the 100-degree heat, hatched two chicken eggs deserted by a hen.

Republicans Unite Behind Merriam



George Hatfield, Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, and Congresswoman Florence Kahn, who took an active part in the Republican convention at Sacramento, appeared pleased at the results.



Patrick J. Cooney, Los Angeles attorney and organizer of the first Roosevelt-for-President club, predicts that Upton Sinclair, right, will be in position to succeed President Roosevelt in 1940. Cooney, a staunch, old-line Democrat, is a close friend of the former Socialist. They are shown together at the Democratic state convention in Sacramento.